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Salinas Council Studies By-Law Amendments; Change In Executive Board Asked

Four major changes in the constitutio nand by-laws of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas were asked by the council's executive board last week following long study of the code and determination of more efficient handling of problems now restricted by the by-laws.

Most important change asked is the extension of the executive board, now set at seven members, to a larger group with one representative from each of the affiliated unions.

Other changes suggested call for elimination of the "honorary membership" provision, elimination of the law covering referral of any council donations to local unions for approval, and provision for paying expenses of committtee members.

HERE ARE CHANGES

Specifically the recommended changes, which must be read at two more council meetings before adoption, are:

1. To strike out Section 3, Article IV (honorary membership). The executive board holds that this provision is unnecessary as any paid up AFL union member is entitled to sit in at council meetings.

2. To strike out Section 3, Article XI (union referendum on council donations). The board holds this provision unnecessary as delegates from unions should have authority to handle council funds.

3. New Section 3, Article XI (substituting for stricken measure), to read: "Any member of a committee, serving on a committee which may necessarily incur expenses, shall submit a bill to the council for such expense."

4. Amend Section 1, Article V (officers) to provide that the Executive and Arbitration Committee shall "consist of one (1) member from each local union affiliated with the council."

TO OBSERVE RULINGS

Labor council delegates interested in further information on the proposed amendments should contact Secretary W. G. Kenyon of the council for details.

The executive board has further recommended that new copies of the by-laws be printed and that the council comply with the official by-laws in all proceedings.

Hugh Lyons, of the State Employees Union, is chairman of the executive board. Union members present at meetings dealing with by-laws changes include Lyons, Kenyon, Council President F. H. Sprague, Council Vice-President Bob Clinch, Victor Shmick, Amos Schofield, Ivan Miller and Gene Walls.

In Union Circles

SALINAS

Barbers Union 827 had a regular meeting last week, at which legislative matters were discussed chiefly.

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Carpenters 925 held a regular, routine meeting last week.

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Laborers 272 had its first meeting in its new hall last week, with business mainly routine.

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Bob Adcock, charter member of the Salinas labor council, was a visitor at the council meeting last week. Bob is a member of the AFL Letter Carriers Union here.

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Pete Andrade and Bill Kern have been recommended to the OPA for appointmetn as labor representatives on the local ration boards.

L. A. STEEL WORKERS 100 PER CENT PAID ON CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Los Angeles, Calif.

Drum majoring southern California's parade to the polls is Local 1549, United Steelworkers, which is paid up 100 per cent to the state political action fund. Runners up are Locals 2018 and 1981, both more than 50 per cent paid up.

FROM THE WAREHOUSEMEN'S CORNER

Fruit & Produce Drivers, Warehousemen 890, Salinas, California
P. A. ANDRADE, Secretary

Your Union wishes to advise you that your next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, at 4:00 p.m. for the night crew, and 8:30 p.m. for the day crew. Meeting will be held at the Teamsters Hall, Main and John Streets. It is important that you attend this meeting so hat we may discuss all business relating to your work as well as other problems affecting our future welfare in this area.

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For the benefit of all workers in the Trimming and Sorting Rooms: We have two Shop Stewards—they are Margaret Grasso on the day shift and Inez Wilson on the night shift.

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For your information, we had complaints dealing with lay-offs. These were investigated and found to be incorrect. In checking both day and night crews in the Trimming and Sorting Rooms, your Union found no one who was not a member of the Union; however, it is the duty of every member to wear the Union button and to inquire of any one who does not display a Union button on their wearing apparel while on the job.

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Your Union at the present time is attempting the organization of the Raiters Canning Company in order that we may strengthen our organization and at the same time create varied jobs for our members when a slack period occurs at Spiegl Foods Company.

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Do not sign any petitions! The officers of Local 890 take this means of advising the importance of not signing any petitions of any sort without first consulting the Union headquarters. Some Employers and Employer groups are trying to bring about legislation that will completely destroy labor Unions.

Your Constitution, which has been prepared for you, states in part that if you become a member of this Union, you must eventually become a registered voter; and although it is too late to continue registering our members for the primaries, it is entirely probable that your office secretary will continue to register members after the primary elections.

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VERY IMPORTANT! On May 16th, your primary elections will take place. We have found over a period of years that many of our benefits have occurred through retaining in office those people who have served us in a fair minded manner in the past. In the 11th Congressional District, we are faced with a problem which will be decided on that day. I have reference to your Congressman from this district. According to a tabulation prepared by the Voters League, the incumbent, George Outland has, in every instance voted favorably insofar as labor bills were concerned. He voted favorably on the Tax Bill; in favor of the President's order limiting salaries to $25,000; in favor of subsidies; and most important of all, he voted against the Smith-Connally Bill.

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Watch this column for news of our union. Any article of importance will be accepted by your union for the paper.

BUTCHERS 506 SEND APRIL LETTER TO MEN IN SERVICE

Following is the April newsletter of Butchers Union 506, the letter sent to all members in the armed services throughout the world, reprinted here for benefit of members working on the home production front:

April 12th, 1944.

Greetings from the Gals and Boys of Local 506:

It is supposed to be Spring in good old California, but we are still wearing our red flannels and overcoats. Even the weather has changed, being as uncertain as everything else, and there being so much smudge in the air, San Jose looked like the description of the fog in England, without the mist. But, believe it or not, we are not complaining. Walnut groves have been hit hard and the cots, about 50 per cent.

We are meeting tonight in San Jose, and are initiating 5 new members. Arthur Johnson, who is opposing Jack Anderson for Congress, is making a speech. Now there is a man, whom we are backing, as he is a real friend of Labor, having served 19 years in the State Department of Industrial Relations and has written over 100 California laws, mostly Labor Laws that favor the working people.

There have been some very nice meetings in the Southern Territory this month, and in Salinas, we started a Fund to purchase an artificial limb for Brother Farr, who had his leg amputated. Pete has had this bad leg for a number of years, and we are selling tickets on two $25 War Bonds, the proceeds to go to this cause.

Alex Richards passed away and Local 506 took care of the funeral as he had no known relatives and it was taken care of very nicely with the boys of the Salinas Dressed Beef Company acting as pallbearers.

Monterey has become one of the largest Branch Locals in 506, and are really going to town in membership. Some of our members have opened their own markets. Vinings Market in Carmel, owned by Peterson Brothers, was closed for 15 days by the OPA.

Watsonville has lost quite a number of members, but they are on the increase again. There are quite a few Butcherettes working there. We always thought it was a man's world, but the gals are certainly doing their work as Butcherettes, not so much in cutting but counter hopping and displaying.

Hollister and Gilroy are showing a gain in membership, and we have two slaughterhouses in that territory, both government inspected.

We are still taking in new members from the Kaufman Meat Co., and we received a call today from the Crown By Products Company asking for 4 men and we cannot get them. Can't some of you boys get a furlough long enuf to give us a lift? Would seem like old times, wouldn't it. Guess I told you that we have dragged in all the old-timers and put them to work and now it's a case of robbing the cradle, boys 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Andy Horther left the Safeway and is working for Walkers on Park Avenue.

Jack Brown left the Golden State Meat Company, and is now with Joe Hall and Ervin Wells. I am sure you all know Jack, the Irishman who sings Irish songs in a Chinese Restaurant, accompanied by a Hawaiian Orchestra. Wouldn't it be something, if he were singing Irish songs in a Japan restaurant to the tune of American bombs falling, and the song being "It's Over, Over Here." That will be the day. That's like the story about the dog and the man. "When a dog bites a man, that's not news, but when a man bites a dog, that's news." So hope it won't be long now.

Now for the news of the boys.

Leland Lack, former president of the San Jose Branch, also salesman for Armour, entered the army March 31. He has been on Retiring Card for the past two years while he worked at Moore Dry Dock.

Joe Pizzo, also on Retiring Card, received his notice and made the Navy, but while awaiting his call, is back to his first love, "The Butcher Business."

Alvin Ferraire also entered the service last month. All the boys above 26 heaved a sigh of relief when they read the papers the other day, as it seems they will have to go all through it again in June or July. It is only a 30-day extension of time.

Several of our boys have been picked up by the OPA. Some for over grading of meats, some failed to place their price and point value on the meat, others for over charging and some of the markets were closed for 5 days. I guess our boys will find out soon, that there really is a war and will have to do their part, come what may.

We received a prize winning letter from Bud Deal of Mountain View and Los Altos. He wrote the letter March 9th and we rather believe he is in New Zealand. They are spending their well earned rest on British soil, one of the most beautiful places in the world, the climate being similar to California's but much nicer. He quotes, "We are camped on the edge of a beautiful bay with the finest of scenery all around us. Rolling green hills dotted with hundreds of sheep and cattle. White houses with red roof tops surrounded with green hedges and groves of pines and evergreen trees and stone fences." Really sounds grand.

Also a very nice letter from George Cook, who is sick and tired of the Islands and says that after seeing nothing but Native women, when he gets back to the States, the American gals are sure going to look good to him. Thanks a lot for the letter, Curley, and write again.

The cattle men are really worried because we haven't had enough rain and the grass is drying up. Lambs that should weigh 80 pounds are coming in at 60, those that should weigh 60 pounds are coming in at 40 and those weighing between 30 and 40 are coming in as baby lambs. All due to the lack of rain. This is the first time we have cut baby lambs since 1929.

This is the political year and between running a war and listening to the political speeches, we sometimes wonder just "who is who" but in reality it is the same wolf in sheep's clothing. They hope to do big things with the boys away from home. So remember you can vote, and no matter where you are cast that vote that will mean so much to all of you when this war is over.

Personal good wishes to all of you from Kasper, Lester and Mrs. Moorhead.

—EARL.

MONTEREY TRADES COUNCIL OPPOSES CONCENTRATION OF PRISONERS IN STATE

In a resolution adopted last week the Monterey County Building & Construction Trades Council voted to oppose concentration of prisoners of war in California, citing dangers through sabotage by escaping prisoners.

The resolution, self-explanatory, is as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, high ranking officers of the Army and Navy have repeatedly warned that the State of California, Oregon and Washington continue to be in danger of enemy bombing attacks, and

WHEREAS, California annually suffers from fires which take a heavy toll of property and human lives notwithstanding that millions of dollars are spent by our citizens for fire protection; and

WHEREAS, devastating fires occur each year in California's vast forest reserves and destroys millions of dollars in property, and

WHEREAS, California's extensive grain fields and tremendous oil industry which includes thousands of oil wells, huge refineries, extensive tank storage system and many miles of gas and oil pipe line, all present most fire hazards; and

WHEREAS, California's many cities built principally of inflammable wood; her hundreds of vital industries manufacturing war materials; her electric system with their miles of high power transmission lines; her long aqueducts and her railway systems now carrying thousands of troops and millions of tons of urgently needed war material, are all particularly vulnerable to destruction by escaped prisoners of war who can start devastating fires, wreck trains, and destroy water and power systems; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the fact that of all States in the Union California is one of the most exposed to enemy attack and to her war sabotage, Government officials are contemplating the concentration of large numbers of German prisoners of war in California and are reported to be arranging now to domicile 2000 German prisoners of war in Camp Beale, Yuba County, California; and

WHEREAS, it is obvious that if German prisoners of war who may be domiciled in California, escape that they can cause terrific losses, particularly by starting fires in any of the hundreds of easily accessible places in California, and

WHEREAS, it is obvious that National safety can best be insured by concentration prisoners of war in the interior sections of the United States; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we hereby protest against the proposal to concentrate prisoners of war in camps in California; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California, the Secretary of War, our Senators and Congressmen, the American Federation of Labor, and the press.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 1944.

By BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY.

MINE WORKERS NOT TO ATTEND WORLD LABOR CONFERENCE, REPORT

Washington, D. C.

By action of the executive board, the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) sent a cablegram recently to Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, notifying him that the UMW would not be represented at the world labor conference in London June 5.

Poor Little Rich Girl

Doris Duke, richest girl in the world, has a new lawyer in her divorce suit. He was appointed under the New Jersey pauper law.

CLOTURE!

Cloture rule is the one weapon that will defeat the filibuster. It is the one way to end the talk, talk, talk with which the poll tax Senators will try to keep the ani-poll tax bill from coming to a vote in the Senate this month.

How is a filibuster possible? It is possible because in the Senate debate is unlimited. In the House of Representatives, a time limit is placed on the number of minutes a member may speak. **For example, when the anti-poll tax bill was up in the House of Representatives last May, each side was allowed two hours to debate. Then the bill was voted on and passed 265-110.**

In the Senate, any Senator can speak as long as he wishes. Furthermore, the decision to vote on a bill is by "unanimous consent." One Senator, or a small group of Senators, can talk indefinitely for days and weeks, until the end of a session or until the Senate votes to take up other legislation.

The only means the Senate has to prevent such undemocratic obstruction by a minority is the cloture rule. There is no other way in which a bill can be brought up to a vote. Only cloture can break the stalemate when a minority delays action.

Unless the cloture motion is approved by two-thirds of the Senators, it is impossible for the Senate to vote on the bill. Therefore, anyone who is voting against cloture—that is, against closing debate on the bill, within a reasonable time—is really opposing a democratic Senate vote on the bill itself. He is, in effect, voting against the bill—since it cannot possibly pass unless the Senate gets a chance to vote on it.

Too Putrid for C. of C.! CONSERVATIVE STATE BODY DISOWNS 'RIGHT TO WORK' MEASURE IN UNITY GESTURE

(Release from Office of the California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

A terrific blow in behalf of unity on the home front and against the disrupters of this unity has been administered by the California State Chamber of Commerce in going on record as being opposed to the "Right of Employment" initiative petition. This action has been expected, and according to reports that have reached the Federation, similar action has been taken by other Chambers of Commerce and like organizations.

That the responsible employers in the State of California and management recognize the need of maintaining an unassailable united front is eloquently and inspiringly evidenced by the action taken by the State Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Preston Hotchkis, president of the California State Chamber of Commerce, has been reported to have said, "This action follows an exhaustive discussion of the proposal by the chamber's board meeting in Los Angeles."

"In the interest of national unity," Mr. Hotchkis continued, "the uninterrupted prosecution of the war and the maintenance of our vital production schedules at this time of crisis, and because we feel that the proposed amendment if adopted will cause rather than allay confusion and controversy, we are opposed to the initiative proposal entitled 'Right of Employment.'"

We believe that the issue is squarely stated here, as will every constructive-minded citizen who places the war effort above any and all other interests. It is to be hoped that the rallying of management against this measure may be sufficiently impressive to discourage the present circulators of the petition from proceeding with their dangerous and unity-splitting campaign.

Thousand Pastors Join In Attacking Proposed Austin Labor Draft Bill

New York City

In a statement to Congress made public recently, 1184 clergymen and religious leaders — Protestant, Catholic and Jewish — from every state in the nation went on record in opposition to the Austin Wadsworth labor conscription bill. The statement was released by the Free Labor Committee of the Workers Defense League. Co-chairmen of the Committee are Sam B. Eubanks, vice-president, American Newspaper Guild, and Sal B. Hoffman, president of the Upholsterers' International Union. James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union is Honorary Chairman.

Expressing a "deep concern lest in the midst of a war being fought by America to guarantee the four freedoms, developments in America itself may impair one or more of these freedoms," the signers condemn the proposed bill as embodying a "serious threat to the religious concept of human life."

The clergymen base their objection to the bill on the grounds that such legislation is unnecessary; that it embodies many injustices; that it would establish a dangerous precedent, and that it would endanger the American home.

Poor Poles Get It Coming and Going In Reich

London, England

The Polish Socialist underground paper "WRN" (these are the first letters of the Polish words for Freedom, Equality and Independence) reported on 12th November last: "The last phase of Poles dragged off to work in Germany is the return of the heavily injured and terribly mutilated. Ghastly trains arrive in Cracow each carrying a few hundred people all victims of (Allied) air raids —our men made to work in German factories."

Hurry Up, Boys, Or There's Gonna Be Absenteeism!

Washington, D. C.

Manufacture of spring driven and electric alarm clocks under quarterly quotas was approved by the WPB recently.

The waker-uppers will be produced only in plants where the work will not interfere with other war production and WPB said no preference rating will be required to purchase the streamlined war models.

Here's Unionist Gives Two Gallons of Blood!

Detroit, Michigan

National Rep. Leo Polk of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers is the first blood donor in the country to give a total of two gallons, the American Red Cross announces. His first pint was given the day after Pearl Harbor.

Equal Pay for Women Under New AFL Pact

Waugekan, Illinois

Women doing men's work will get equal pay under the new Johns-Manville contract with Federal Labor Union 19508 (AFL), retroactive to January 1.

Jobs For Vets



Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes suggests that American war veterans be given ownership and control of vast government war-developed production plants to keep up high production and full employment. (Federated Pictures)

IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Starting with the first issue of this paper, after May 16th, and continuing until after the November election, *no* political advertising will be accepted by this paper. This decision has been reached by the publishers on account of the extraordinary situation that confronts the labor movement in the State of California during the coming state and national elections, and which are scheduled to be held November 3rd of the present year.

Never before, during our lifetime, have our labor unions been confronted with so much pending legislation, having no other purpose than to outlaw our now lawful unions. Already our present Congress and our State Legislature have either enacted laws or have laws pending that would be fitting to be in force in a government where outright slavery is definitely established.

Under these conditions those who this year are elected to the offices of President of the United States, to our Congress and our State Legislature may well determine the status of labor in California for many years to come.

Our reason for reaching this decision is that present indications are that the political fight this year, and the part that organized labor is forced in self-defense to take in it, promises to be more acute than ever before. This is true of both candidates to be elected and measures to come before the voters for decision next November 3rd.

All over this state, as never before, organized labor is preparing for the political battle that lies immediately ahead of us. From many sources we have been asked again and again: Is there not some way to get out of publishing the paid advertisements of these candidates and paid advertisements for measures that are opposed by labor?

Yes, there is a way, and that is to refuse to accept *all* political advertising. That is precisely what we are going to do during the next six months. In this way we will learn from experience what will happen to us in the exercise of such a policy. We have always wished we could adopt such a policy but never before has labor taken enough interest in a political campaign to warrant us in making the considerable sacrifice in income that such a policy necessarily entails. We are doing it now to give the unions an opportunity to use this paper in the crucial conflict just ahead of us without being embarrassed by the presence of paid advertisements that champion the other side. We cannot do this before the May 16 primary because of previous contracts.

Often, we have been asked: "Why not refuse the advertisements of our enemies and just run those of our friends?" The answer is that any newspaper, which did that, would not be entitled to second class mailing privileges under the rulings now in force under our existing postal laws and regulations. If we accept the political advertisements of our friends, we must also do likewise for our enemies. Hence what we have always done is to mark all political advertisements as "Paid Political Advertisements," and have again and again, in our masthead and otherwise pointed out that nothing appearing in advertisements in this paper or in signed communications in any way reflects the editorial policy of this paper.

We are frank to admit that we have no way of knowing how our various unions will react to this new policy, but we are willing to try it and find out.

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The Labor Editor Speaks

THE FIZZLE OF CONGRESS

When President Roosevelt came out recently for a national service act he made his request for this drastic legislation conditional on acceptance of the other four points in his program. Congress has stubbornly refused to confiscate excess profits, provide for adequate means to roll back living costs, adopt a realistic and equitable tax program or put into operation many other win-the-war measures long ago urged by the President. Judging by its record thus far, Congress will not adopt the other conditional parts of the program—consequently there will not be a national service act, for it is doubtful if even our many misrepresentatives in Congress would have the effrontery to confine their efforts to enforced labor for the enrichment of the private profiteers.

Right after Pearl Harbor this country could have adopted a program of "equalitarian sacrifice" for total war mobilization. This would have included the banning of excess profits, the freezing of prices. Had this been done Labor would have tolerated a wage freeze, provided fair adjustments had been made for the underprivileged one-third who were existing on a pittance. If all war industries had been taken over by the government for the duration, then it would have been constitutional to draft civilians for work in such key plants. And there would have been no objection because drafted labor in government-operated industry would then have been on the same basis as drafted soldiers in the army or navy. *With such a set-up everybody could have concentrated (like any soldier in the ranks) on the job of winning the war as quickly as possible.*

But what happened? Big industry went on strike—holding out for bigger profits on war contracts and demanding fat bonuses for "conversion". Many corporations were tied up in patent and process deals with the enemy. While Congress dawdled prices for necessities began to zoom. Later when labor unrest threatened to blow the lid off, the government agreed to grant wage adjustments in accordance with the "litle steel" formula—promising, at the same time to "hold the line." Well, thanks to the operations of the OPA (which Congress has badly weakened through lack of funds for proper enforcement of ceilings) the line has been held pretty well on some things. But the exhaustive joint investigation by the AFL and CIO clearly proves that general living costs are up in excess of 40 per cent. As the result of Congress' failure to deal with problems on the home front, the "little steel" formula is about to collapse as the result of the gathering labor revolt.

Congress seems to have done everything in its power to make Labor dissatisfied with its lot in the war picture. It gave the death sentence to the President's $25,000 ceiling on salaries. (In so doing it announced to the country that it favored a "freezing" policy for workers, but a "sky's the limit" policy for war hogs.) It has permitted enormous profits to be made by monopoly industry, and it is even trying to knock out renegotiation of contracts so that industrialists may pocket even fatter pickings (referred to politely as "post-war reserves.") And now the "inflation boys" are gunning for OPA and the whole ceiling structure.

For NONE of this can President Roosevelt be blamed. On the contrary, the record shows that since the war began he has pleaded with Congress to take steps to "hold the line," to more nearly equalize the burdens on the home front. The recent tax bill—actually easing the burden on the big fellow and increasing it for the worker—is proof that after 2½ years of war the majority of Congressmen are still unregenerate pals of Privilege.

This malodorous mess is the deed of Congress. It is no help to retort that it is *our* Congress, that *we* elected it, that it reflects *us*. We Americans have the careless habit of casting our ballots for narrow partisan politicians, anti-labor blatherskites, henchmen of Big Business and defeatists. Under our form of government the responsibility *is* ours. But had it not been for Organized Labor's influence in past elections, not even the handful of gallant progressives, fighting against almost hopeless odds, would be on Capitol Hill. The moral of all this is, of course, for the people to follow the lead of progressive Labor in the 1944 elections. The complexion of the 1945 Congress *can* be changed vastly for the better *if* there is complete labor unity at the polls.

SKELETON IN THE CLOSET

India, peopled by 389 million, is being invaded by a handful of Japanese. The Indians have no arms or means of defending themselves. Nor do they seem to do so. The United States sends soldiers and ships to defend them and food to save them from starvation. *Why?*

Morgenthau is the right man in the right job. He's got what it takes to take what you've got.

Stake In U. S. For Soldiers Plan of Ickes

San Francisco, Calif.

A suggestion that American war veterans be given ownership and control of the government's vast war-developed production plants as a means of keeping up high production and full employment was advanced here recently by U. S. Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Ickes advanced his idea in a speech before the Commonwealth Club and said it would serve "to keep production and employment at a high pitch and prevent our present productive capacity from drying up under control of the monopolies."

Speaking of the veterans, Ickes said "we can be sure (they) will be interested in maximum production and maximum employment." He added that such a post-war program would constitute a revised edition of the Homestead act and the land provisions of the reclamation law.

"STAKE IN DEMOCRACY"

Giving to each of the members of our armed forces a share in the ownership and control of a giant segment of American industry would amount to giving them a stake in the future of the democratic economy of America which they are fighting to preserve, the speaker said.

"It would be the most appropriate and the most beneficial form of a bonus payment to them. The pride of a personal interest in American enterprise would result in an uplifting of morale that would be of inestimable value to the nation and the world."

EXPERIENCE OF LAST WAR

The secretary said that after the last war much of the nation's economic dislocation was caused by failure to have a plan for the disposal of expanded production plants. He pointed out that the government's investments in war production plants was many times as great this time and asked whether the nation was merely to abandon them or sell them to the highest bidder at a fraction of their cost, or "are we going to see to it that this tremendous productive potential is used to further the development of the American system of private enterprise?"

LITTLE LUTHER

Little Luther was bored. "Pop, let's go," he said to Mr. Dilworth, who was leaning forward in his gallery seat, eagerly watching the scene on the Senate floor.

"No, no, Luther," snapped Mr. Dilworth. "We can't leave now. Senator Gilhooey is just getting warmed up. . . ."

"But, Pop, he reached the boiling point five hours ago," complained Little Luther. "What's he so mad about, anyway?"

"Luther," declared Mr. Dilworth solemnly. "You are a lucky boy. Some day you will be able to tell your grandchildren that you saw with your own eyes a gallant handful of southern gentlemen fighting—with their backs to the wall, mind you—against the most insidious threat to the sacred institutions of the south since the dark days of the Civil War."

"Is Hitler invading the south?" gasped Luther.

"Worse than that, son. It's a plot by those snippety unions and 'that man' to abolish the polltax."

"Why, Pop, didn't you say last week that taxes were driving the country to rack and ruin?" asked Little Luther.

"So I did, Luther, so I did. But a polltax is something else. Why, if it weren't for the polltax, do you know what we would have?"

"Democracy?" asked Little Luther brightly.

"Luther, you don't get the point," shrieked Mr. Dilworth. "Do you realize what this country owes to the polltax? Why, without the polltax we wouldn't have the same Congress. We wouldn't have 'Cotton Ed' Smith and Martin Dies and Gene Cox and Theodore Bilbo and Tom Connally and Pappy O'Daniel and—and—Howard Smith!"

A hush fell over the Senate chamber during these last words. Senator Gilhooney choked on his false teeth as Little Luther's clear voice broke the silence:

"Gee, Pop," he said admiringly, "that's the best speech ever made against the polltax!"

Senate Humor

Sen. William Langer, of North Dakota: "The best answer I can give . . . is to repeat a little ditty I learned as a boy. It is about a young man who asked a young lady to marry him":

When I asked her to wed,
"Go ask father," she said.
And she knew that I knew
That her father was dead,
And she knew that I knew
What a life he had led,
And she knew that I knew
What she meant when she said,
"Go ask father."

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS Unconstitutional Smith-Connally Law Limits Labor

(Release from Office of the California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

In view of the approaching elections, in which labor has perhaps a larger stake than ever before, and in which certain limitations on the political activity of unions will operate for the first time since the enactment last summer of the Smith-Connally Act, the Federation is here setting forth for the benefit of its affiliates just what the War Labor Disputes Act provides and just what its prohibitions actually mean.

Section 9 of the War Labor Disputes Act, commonly known as the Smith-Connally Act, provides as follows:

"It is unlawful for * * * any labor organization to make a contribution in connection with any election at which Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors or a Senator or Representative, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress are to be voted for, or for any Candidate, political Committee, or other person to accept or receive any contribution prohibited by this section."

A union violating the above provisions may be fined not more than $5,000.00; officers of unions may be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. There is no restriction against the expenditure of his own money by any member or officer of a union.

REGULATIONS EXPLAINED

It would be a violation of the Act for a union to make any contribution to any candidate running for any of the offices mentioned in the Act, or to any committee acting for, on behalf or in the interest of such candidate. The above provisions are not applicable, however, to a State or local election or to any contribution which a union might see fit to make to a candidate running for an office other than those specified in Section 9, even though such other offices are voted upon at an election where the federal offices mentioned in Section 9 are filled.

"CONTRIBUTION" DEFINED

"Contribution" has been defined in the Federal Corrupt Practices Act as follows:

"The term 'contribution' includes a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit, of money or anything of value, and includes a contract, promise or agreement whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution." (Title II, Chapter 8, Section 241 (d) USCA.)

The provisions contained in Section 9 of the War Labor Disputes Act against making a political contribution do not restrict a union in its right to spend money for the purpose of advancing its own legitimate objectives and the welfare of its own members by espousing the cause of candidates running for any of the offices mentioned in Section 9. Such expenditure, however, must be without any agreement or arrangement with any candidate or committee, acting for, on behalf or in the interest of such candidate. Accordingly, a union may endorse candidates and explain to its members and the general public at large its reasons for backing a candidate.

"EDUCATION" O.K.

Since a union may spend its own money, it follows logically that groups of unions may form associations, committees, or federations for the purpose of more effectively advancing the general interest of their membership, and such committees may likewise spend their own monies in the same manner as individual unions. Such association, federation or committee, however, should not be organized for the purpose of advancing the candidacy of one or more candidates, but rather for the purpose of promoting the broad aims of labor and to enable such organizations to more effectively promote the general interests and welfare of their membership. Such activities would merely be the exercise by the union and its members of their constitutional right of free speech, free press and free assembly.

Speculators Charged With Rigging Market By a 'Corn Shortage'

Kansas City, Missouri

Speculators have created an artificial shortage of corn here in a plot to force OPA into raising prices, International Rep. Edward Chevlin of United Retail Wholesale and Department Store Employes charged.

The shortage has already caused the partial shutdown of the N. Kansas City plant of Corn Products Refining Co. While union members employed at the plant are working short hours, more than three million bushels of corn are piled up in elevators in this area, Chevlin said.

Countering the general impression that the farmers are refusing to sell corn because of alleged low ceilings, Chevlin charged that the speculators have the corn and are trying "to bully the OPA into raising prices."

Sure Looks Like It!

Quadruplets in England and New York, triplets in New York, and reported quintuplets in Argentina—is this going to be an era of mass reproduction, too?

Hennery says: "It's been my experience that the weaker sex is often the strongest sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex."—JUDGE.

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The government of this nation belongs to the people of America.

It belongs to the worker—the farmer—the industrialist—to you and to me.

But we cannot keep this government which belongs to us unless we forget all the differences of the past and join together to save our freedom from nationalists and internationalists who are seeking to chain us all in regimented slavery.

Stop and Think! Out of the vast army of federal officials who rule our lives, our work, our incomes—we are permitted to choose only two by our direct ballots. We vote only for our senators and our congressmen.

There will be no freedom left in America unless we send men to the legislature who will represent US—the people who own this government and pay its costs. We must have congressmen and senators who will be guided by the will of the people—men who will fight against the invisible forces of tyranny.

I am seeking the vote of labor with the sincere promise that if I am elected to congress, I shall truly and honestly represent the workers of my district in our mutual fight to keep our government in the hands of the people.

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There must be closer co-operation on the part of the State with the Federal Government in the war effort and in the stabilization program on the home front, particularly with reference to maintaining price ceilings to consumers and adequate returns to the producer to wipe out profiteering.

As assemblyman I will work to promote the welfare of the 33rd District and give all groups in it fair and adequate representation.

A Democrat of the Jeffersonian School subscribing to the theory that all governmental authority rests with the people that those who govern do so with the consent of the governed.

Primary Election, May 16, 1944

Youth Canteen Project Still Needs Funds

Although organized labor has raised some $320 for the Youth Canteen project in Salinas, the program still is in need of funds, and the labor quota of $500 still hasn't been reached.

This was the report of Pete Andrade, co-ordinator between the youth project and the labor council, in a plea to unions to give generously to the Youth Canteen, which is designed to keep teenagers off the streets.

The Youth Canteen construction is almost completed and a gala opening is expected shortly. The Canteen is located on Main Street near John Street, across Main Street from the Teamsters-Labor Council headquarters.

"The Bey of Tunis has been living quietly with his 25 wives."—News Item. Will you please explain that word "quietly?"

UNIONS URGE ABROGATION OF JEW BAR

New York City

Immediate abrogation of the White Paper policy which bars further Jewish immigration into Palestine was demanded by the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, representing several hundred thousand AFL and CIO workers.

In a unanimously adopted declaration the committee said that "the American labor movement generally, embracing 12 million members, is completely in favor of and supports the aims of their Jewish co-trade unionists—to help in the rebuilding of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth."

Think It Over

What new program has the Republican Party to offer now that it did not have between 1920 and 1932—and you remember what happened then?

Here's Some More About Your Job; Uncle Sam Speaks

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Government manpower rules and policies affecting job changing, manpower priorities and employment ceilings have been set up to win the war faster. How do they affect YOU?)

ESSENTIAL EMPLOYERS ASK:

Q. If one of my employees asks me for a Statement of Availability and I refuse it, he feels resentful toward me. Is there any way of taking off the pressure on me?

A. You might point out that you are acting in compliance with regulations designed to curb labor turnover and speed victcory. The worker could be advised to contact the U.S.E.S. for further explanation of the regulations.

Q. Can I employ a worker who presents a release from an employer in another area?

A. No, not unless he is referred to you by the U.S.E.S.

WORKERS ASK

Q. Why do I have to have a Statement of Availability when I have never worked?

A. Regulations require that all essential workers must have such a statement. This also verifies for the prospective employer your eligibility for the job.

Q. Why do I have to have a Statement of Availability if I have never worked in essential industry?

A. The same answer as above, but, of course, if you remain in less essential work no such statement is required.

Q. If I file an appeal when refused release by my employer will he be on the Appeals Committee.

A. No.

CO-OPS PLAN CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois

The boards of directors of National Cooperatives and the Cooperative League of the USA have voted to hold their centennial cooperative congress at the Hotel Morrison here October 10-13.

The congress will highlight the Rochdale cooperative centennial campaign, marking the close of the first 100 years of successful cooperation since the founding of the cooperative at Rochdale, England, in 1844.

Signs of the Times

A woman wrote to the War Manpower Commission in Washington, asking to be sent a pamphlet on "untrapped manpower."

Ranting Rankin Gets Suitable Gift: Nice Swastika from Labor

Washington, D. C.

A black swastika, about 18 inches square, will be presented to Rep. John Rankin (D., Miss.) by veterans of the present conflict and of World War I.

The "honor" was voted Rankin at a conference of labor union veterans sponsored by the United Automobile Workers. Pres. R. J. Thomas named a committee headed by Wendell Hardy, 25, a member from Joliet, Ill., to present the fascist emblem to Rankin. Hardy is a veteran of 7 naval battles in this war, first seeing action at Pearl Harbor. He was blown off the Cruiser San Francisco during the battle at Guadalcanal.

In voting Rankin the swastika the UAW conference said it would express the "contempt of veterans" for his fight to keep members of the armed forces from voting this November.

This Kid Fights for Uncle Sam Just Like He Fought for Labor

Oldtimers in the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers remember Francis P. Purkis when he made his first speech at a union meeting. National Organizer Charles Purkis had brought his 5-year-old son to an SKF Roller Bearing strike rally. Standing on a table, Francis told the meeting why he was proud that his dad was a union member.

At 15, Francis became probably the youngest member of the union when he went to work at Wilmington, Del., shipyard as a helper. Within three months he became a third class electrician. Last September 3 Francis enlisted in the army at the age of 16.

Francis is as successful in the army as he was at the shipyard. To prove it, he has four medals for proficiency in sharpshooting, rifle and other army accomplishments.

Republican Record

The Harding Administration was distinguished for corruption. Then Harding passed out. Coolidge, who was at all times an apostle of inaction, held sway. Then came Hoover and reaction. So we have had the enlightening spectacle of Harding symbolizing corruption, Coolidge symbolizing inaction, and Hoover symbolizing reaction. That is the real history of the Republican Party.—RHODE ISLAND PRESS (Dem.).

Sign in a Kansas saloon: "The customer is always tight."

AFL OPENS ATTACKS ON STEEL FORMULA; URGE WAGE PARITY

Washington, D. C.

As the AFL unwound its case to revise the Little Steel Formula before a special panel of the Natl. War Labor Board, the pattern of its attack became clearer.

At the first day of the hearing AFL Sec.-Treas. George Meany stressed the great increase in the cost of living and compared it to the wages of the workers solidly frozen by the rigid application of the 16 per cent Little Steel formula. He asked restoration of the peace-time standards for all workers.

With the resumption of the hearing, the drive turned toward profits and the design is to prove that substantial wage increases can be granted by the employers out of profits without raising prices.

Leadoff man for this angle of the AFL case was Executive Sec. Fred F. Umhey of the International Ladies Garment Workers.

CITES ENGLISH CONDITIONS

Umhey first considered the case of Great Britain, where he said wages are not frozen and where unions have "reserved the right to ask for increases when necessary."

From the beginning of the war until January, 1944, he said, hourly wage rates in Britain have increased between 38 and 39 per cent over pre-war levels and total earnings much more than that. By January, 1943, he explained, average weekly earnings were 65 per cent over their pre-war levels, while the cost of living index was up only 28 per cent from September, 1939 to January, 1944.

Umhey said that stabilization in Britain is centered not so much in wage control, as in the cost-of-living, rationing and increased taxation (all points in President Roosevelt's program that have not been lived up to by congressional enforcement).

As to taxes, Umhey said rates are graded up sharply in the higher brackets. A person with an income of between $1000 and $2000 retains 85 per cent of it after taxation, while a person with an income of $40,000 and oyer retains only 80 per cent after taxation.

WAGE PARITY DEMANDED

The ILGWU executive said the AFL wants a continuing guarantee of parity—a mechanism for automatic future increases in proportion to any increases in living costs.

By application of this plan over the whole nation, he said, this would discourage action by any pressure group.

As to profits, Umhey said they "are ample to permit very substantial increases in wages without any changes in price." He cited the fact that net corporate profits after taxes rose from 4.2 billion in 1939 to 9.2 billion in 1943.

"Profits before federal income and exeise profits taxes were 22.6 billion in 1943. This is about $680 for each of 33,300,000 employes of incorporated business," he said.

Textile Worker's Wage in Southern Plants 54c; Hike Urged by Unions

Atlanta, Georgia

Union surveys of living conditions in five typical textile communities reveal that the average textile worker's substandard 57c hourly wage has led to "malnutrition, lack of clothing, insufficient medical attention and no comforts," the Textile Workers Union said here.

The plight of the grossly underpaid textile worker was presented to a National War Labor Board panel at hearings on TWU wage demands. The union is asking a general wage increase of not less than 10c an hour, a minimum 60c hourly wage, minimum rates in all job classifications, a guaranteed daily minimum wage, a third shift differential and vacations with pay.

TWU Pres. Emil Rieve served notice on the mill owners that the 60c minimum is merely a stopgap and that the union "will be back for more."

University Will Give Courses on Unionism

New York City

A 2-week institute for personnel directors of industrial concerns and union officials on collective bargaining and wage incentives will be held at New York University next week.

In Union Circles

MONTEREY

The movies are going strong here—lots of people working and several big stars. It's all being taken in stride by the Monterey people who have seen movie stars in plenty before.

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Routine business at the Monterey building trades council meeting—for details, see official minutes printed elsewhere in this paper.

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Workers of all kinds are needed by Monterey building unions. Much work, much more in sight—and men needed!

Score Enforcement of Illinois Child Labor

Chicago, Illinois

Enforcement of the Illinois child labor law under Gov. Dright M. Green (R) was denounced as "disgraceful" by representatives of the Illinois Federation of Labor and the Illinois Child Labor Committee.

File & Forget

Washington, D. C.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins said April 13 that the general cost of living has declined 6/10 of 1 per cent during the first two months of 1944.

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An Editorial

From the

Salinas Californian

Monday, April 10, 1944



WEYBRET TOPS TICKET

Fred Weybret, assemblyman, now a candidate for state senator (25th district comprised of Monterey and San Benito counties) has served Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties in the state legislature for six years. His record is one of outstanding accomplishments, both for the district and the state. Right now, with the primaries approaching, we believe Weybret has the confidence of a majority of voters who feel he should be elevated to the higher post as a reward for his fine, conscientious service. Law making is no picnic, and Fred Weybret doesn't indulge in any frivolity when it comes to representing his constituency. He's a business man, keen thinker and the friend of many thousands who appreciate his intelligent devotion to duty.

Let's take a look at Weybret's two terms as chairman of the all-important agriculture committee. Those experiences have given him an insight into the problems facing agriculture in California, as well as Monterey and San Benito counties, both primarily agricultural. Let's see Weybret for two terms on the important ways and means committee and a term on the revenue and taxation committee. They both deal with California's financial problems. He was chairman of a special committee to work out the financial setup of the department of agriculture, the largest department in our state government.

Besides, Weybret is one of two members selected by the speaker of the assembly to serve on the important state war council along with the governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, 14 men in all who are handling war problems facing the state now. Weybret has served as a member of the livestock and dairies, fish and game and conservation committees, a value plus to the district he represented.

It isn't a question mark, then, in the minds of voters who are fitting men to offices, and not offices to men. We cannot afford to scrap this legislator for an unknown quantity, although we would not hesitate to recommend just that if he failed to heed the wishes of the people he represents. That is our right of franchise! Politics can go out the door as far as Fred Weybret is concerned. He's the best qualified candidate for the senate seat as proved by the record.

VOTE FOR . . . .

FRED WEYBRET

For

STATE SENATOR

25th SENATORIAL DISTRICT MONTEREY AND SAN BENITO COUNTIES

Election Tuesday, May 16th, 1944

ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

Negotiations were started by the Fish Cannery Workers Union this week for a new contract for the coming season. We don't know yet just what we must contend with, but the 1943-44 contract was same as the season before because the War Labor Board couldn't realize that living costs and other conditions are changing.

The brave lads who will help conduct negotiations include Morgan King, former secretary; D. R. Campbell and Louis Mathison. These three are noted for courage and ability and we may get something this year. We hope so!

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The union has some sheep shearers in its ranks. Some members who worked at Sea Pride are now shearing sheep near Willows.

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Construction of plants along the "Row" is going at a good clip. At Oxnard plant the squid baskets are ready for action. At Sea Pride the squid preparations likewise are completed. The building jobs elsewhere are almost done.

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It looks like a good squid season this year. We hope the fish are plentiful and the catch good—and the work continues.

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An area co-ordinator has been here recently to help the fishermen settle their dispute. Guess we'll get more action shortly.

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Joe Perry has been ill since the New Orleans trip, we hear. Maybe the deep south was too much for him. Anyway he is besieged with a bad cold.

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The Del Mar plant is hurrying the installation of oval can machinery. More work for us this summer!

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We are short of mechanics—welders, firemen, feritlizer operators, and we also need semi-skilled mechanics for permanent jobs. This is due to inroads of the draft board on our ranks.

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The trout season opens May 1. Many brothers are getting the flies in trim and the creel cleaned out, ready to go.

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Les Caven$"enjoyed" these phantom steaks from Gabe Bicknell and Lou Nonella. It seems that the abalone season is open all right, but Les hasn't been able to sink his teeth into the abalones caught by these two friends of his. Wassamat, huh?

* * *

If the office force asks you to sit down, beware! If they hand you anything to investigate, beware. If they get close to you, look out—it's the off season and the office gang is finding time for some practical jokes! (Ask us, we know!)

Tha's all!

THE CAN OPENER.

Total War Dept.

Who says cops are tough?

Chicago police of the Blue Island precinct have been ordered to refrain from eating lollypops while on duty.

Representative Dies objects to being smeared. He must think it is more blessed to give than to receive. — THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH.

MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Minutes of Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey, April 20, 1944.

Meeting called to order by President W. J. Dickerson at 8:15 p.m.

Roll call showed five Local Unions represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received the minutes of the B. & C. T. C. of Santa Clara County and Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council. File.

Received the quarterly News Bulletin and weekly news letter from the California State Federation of Labor.

Received two questionnaires from the Building and Construction Trades Department asking for the wage scale and the number of men employed and unemployed in this area. (Answer.)

BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

Brother Ward reports that some of the new contractors just starting up in busineess need watching due to the present demand for help. The conditions for Laborers, members of Local Union No. 690, is getting no better since the Wage Adjustment Board set their scale at 90 cents per hour when they have been receiving 93¾ cents on most all jobs.

Brother Ward expects to go to Detroit in the early part of May and will be away about a month. Mrs. Gregary will be in the office and Brother Carpenter will look after anything needed on the outside.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Electric Workers No. 1072: Brother J. J. Carpenter reports they appointed a shop steward in each shop to help keep conditions running smoothly. Refreshments after the meeting.

Carpenters No. 1323: Brother Ward reports a good meeting; initiated three new members.

Plumbers No. 62: Brother Long reports a good meeting and took up the question of brother members moving from one shop to another without securing a work order through the Council, when going to work.

GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

Brother Ward reports that considerable of his time has been taken up with the Gasoline Ration Board. The Board is working short handed and they need help to get out the application. They are several days behind, so if any of the wives or daughters of the building trades men can give a little time, it will be appreciated, and it will also help many of the brothers get their ration quota a little sooner. GIVE THEM A HAND IF POSSIBLE.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

L. T. LONG, Secretary.

Statistics On Cost of Living Stir Argument

Washington, D. C.

One of the biggest though least bloody battles in Washington is being fought over the cost of living.

There are lots of figurers and they all say figures don't lie. But that's the only point on which the contenders agree.

Is the cost of living stationary, increasing or decreasing?

Recently the worn and bedraggled Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics won a new champion in the form of the National Industrial Conference Board.

ONE-CORNEREL FIGHT

The NICB is supported by business management and its statement challenges the assertion by the AFL and CIO members of the President's cost of living committee that the BLS index is an inadequate gauge for making wage adjustments.

AFL Sec. Treas. George Meany and CIO Vice-Pres. R. J. Thomas conclude in their recent report that living costs have gone up 43.5 per cent in the past three years. The BLS index for the same period shows only 23.4.

THE FARMER ANGLE

But the labor members were not depending on their own figures alone. They brought in another federal agency, the Department of Agriculture's bureau of agricultural economics, which released figures showing the cost of living for farmers has increased 42.6 per cent.

With AFL and CIO conducting all-out drives to obtain wage increases through a realistic revision of the Little Steel formula, the fight to determine which index and set of figures to use is becoming increasingly important.

Although the management organization, NICB, did not issue any figures of its own, the two industry members of the President's cost of living committee, H. B. Horton and George K. Batt, delivered it to the White House and said that for the present they'd not offer any factual evidence of their own.

GREETINGS OF LABOR SENT ITALIANS BY PRES. GREEN

Washington, D. C.

Cabled greetings of support have been sent Italian workers by AFL Pres. William Green in a message addressed to the Italian Confederation Labor at Naples.

Green said "Our 7 million members have been watching with warmest admiration and great hope the efforts being made by Italy's liberated workers to rebuild a free trade union movement."

After reciting the AFL's position on free trade unions, Green said the AFL is supporting the campaign on the Italian-American Labor Council headed by Luigi Antonini of the International Ladies Garment Workers and "rejoices in having the liberty-loving Italian laboring people as comrades-in-arms battling alongside of us for victory over our hated common enemy—the Axis powers. . . . We are confident that once all Italy is freed from the yoke of all foreign domination and all remnants of domestic tyranny, the Italian workers will rebuild a powerful trade union movement which will resume its place of honor in the democratic international labor movement."

AFL and CIO To Plan Huge Joint Canteen Station For Service Men

New York City

Plans are under way for a huge Labor Canteen on the Great White Way of the world's largest city, where the AFL and CIO together will entertain hundreds of thousands of servicemen.

Tentative blueprints call for a large open air pavilion for dancing, entertainment and refreshments, with union women serving as hostesses. Big name dance bands will be featured. A location in the Times Square area, center of the New York entertainment world, is the aim. The canteen will be financed by the New York Labor War Chest and will be run by AFL and CIO jointly. It will open early this summer, according to present plans.

Such a Labor Canteen is "the most effective public relations job organized labor could undertake to combat anti-labor propaganda among the armed forces," Sec. Saul Mills of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council told a meeting of the CIO War Chest. The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians (CIO) will provide the architects to design the canteen.

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